

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 19-23 were previously pending in the subject application. In an effort to expedite the prosecution of the subject application, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 19 to include features that further distinguish over references previously cited by the Examiner. Applicant has also amended some of their dependent claims for purposes of clarification or consistency. In addition, Applicant has cancelled claims 10 and 20-21, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 19, and 22-23 are now pending in the subject application. Support for the amendments can be found at, for example, paragraph nos. 20, 26-27, 30-31, and 34; and FIG. 3, FIG. 4, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 7, and FIG. 8. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

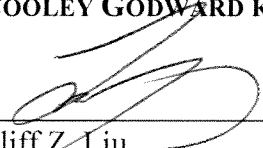
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